

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed January 19, 2001. In order to advance prosecution of the present Application, Claims 1-25 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

The specification is objected to as describing features not shown in the drawings. The specification has been amended to address the deficiency noted by the Examiner.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) for not showing every feature specified in the claims. Attached herewith for the Examiner's approval are corrected drawing sheets addressing the deficiency noted by the Examiner.

Claims 3, 10, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 3, 10, and 16 have been amended to address the discrepancy noted by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 3, 10, and 16 are in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-18, and 20-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bertilsson, et al. in view of Zelt. Independent Claims 1, 7, 14, and 20 have been amended to include the allowable limitation from respective dependent Claims 6, 13, 19, and 25. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-18, and 20-24 are patentably distinct from the proposed Bertilsson, et al. - Zelt combination.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowability of Claims 6, 13, 19, and 25 if placed into appropriate independent form. The allowable limitations from Claims 6, 13, 19, and 25 have been placed into respective Independent Claims 1, 7, 14, and 20. Claims 6, 13, 19, and 25 have been

amended to include further patentably distinguishing features supported by the specification.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-25.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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